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ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS USING AN ELECTRONIC RULE MODULE  
CLEARINGHOUSE

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AMENDMENT

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response by one month.

Responsive to the Office Action, dated May 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (First Amendment) A tokenless biometric method for processing electronic transmissions, using at least one user biometric sample, an electronic identicator and an electronic rule module clearinghouse, said method comprising the steps of:

- a. a user registration step, wherein a user registers with an electronic identicator at least one registration biometric sample taken directly from the person of the user;
- b. formation of a user-customizable rule module customized to the user in a rule module clearinghouse, wherein at least one pattern data of a user is associated with at least one execution command of the user;
- c. a user identification step, wherein the electronic identicator compares a bid biometric sample taken directly from the person of the user with at least